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SUBJECT: THIEU'S BROTHER COMMENTS ON OCTOBER 3 ELECTION

1. PRESIDENT THIEU'S ELDER BROTHER NGUYEN VAN KIEU TOLD AN EMBOFF (WHOM HE HAS KNOWN FOR SEVERAL YEARS) SEPTEMBER 24 HE AGREES WITH THIEU THERE IS NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO GOING THROUGH WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AS SCHEDULED.

2. KIEU SAID HE ALSO BELIEVED HIS BROTHER WOULD SUFFER A SEVERE LOSS OF PRESTIGE, PARTICULARLY IN URBAN AREAS, AND HIS OWN PROPOSAL IS THAT THE PRESIDENT SOON AFTER OCTOBER 3 CALL FOR A NEW ELECTION.
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